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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

ALKA JASHBHAI PATEL, M.D.
License No: MA 045846

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made;

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Alka Jashbhai Patel, M.D., License No. 045846, is a physician licensed in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto. Respondent's license is currently inactive.

2. On August 1, 2001, a Consent Order was entered between respondent and the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. Respondent was charged with committing professional misconduct by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence

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on more than one occasion regarding Patients A and B; with practicing the profession of medicine with incompetence on more than one occasion regarding Patients A and B; and with failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the care and treatment of the patient, regarding Patients A and B.

3. Specifically, it was alleged that respondent failed to maintain a medical record for Patient A which accurately reflected her evaluation and treatment, including patient history, physical examination, diagnoses, progress notes, treatment plans and review of diagnostic test. It was also alleged that respondent failed to address follow-up findings, failed to properly diagnose, failed to timely treat *the* patient in the emergency room, delayed the patient unnecessarily before referring her to surgery, and failed to properly communicate the patient's condition to staff members, including upon Patient A's transfer to the surgical service.

4. Regarding Patient B, it was alleged that 'respondent failed to maintain a medical record for the patient which accurately reflects her evaluation and treatment, including patient history, physical examination, diagnoses, progress notes, treatment plans and review of diagnostic test. It was also alleged that respondent failed to note and perform an adequate physical examination, failed to address and follow-up findings or order appropriate treatment, attempted to improperly discharge the patient, failed to consider and rule out a different diagnosis of

, 2002 and a copy was forwarded to respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following the entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Although the record reflects that the Provisional Order was served upon respondent, no response has been received to date. Accordingly, the Board considered the matter, determined that further proceedings were not necessary and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 30th day of Dec, 2002,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's New Jersey license is hereby suspended for a period of 18 months, with such suspension to be stayed. In addition, respondent is subject to a 2 year period of probation. Said suspension and probationary period shall run concurrently with

the discipline imposed by New York.

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By:

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